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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANONYMOUS VOICE COMMUNICATION USING AN ONLINE DATA SERVICE (AS AMENDED)

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's Amendment filed December 29, 1997

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-16, 17, and 23-32; renumbered as claims 1-21

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☒ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kimberley G. Nobles on March 12, 1998.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- a) claims ~~1-6~~ and ~~18-22~~ have been ~~canceled~~ without prejudice;
- b) claim 17 has been amended to read:

11 ~~17~~. (Twice Amended) A system that establishes a voice connection over a circuit switched network between a first party and a second party that are both coupled to said circuit switched network, comprising:

a voice system connected to said circuit switched network, said voice system receives a first telephone call from the first party and a second telephone call from the second party, said voice system further receives a matchcode from each party and connects said first telephone call with said second telephone call if said matchcodes match;

said voice system includes an interface to an on-line data service;

said voice system generates a disconnect message for the online data service when said first telephone call is disconnected from said second telephone call.

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3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a system and method for creating a voice connection over a circuit switched network, between a first party and second party, using an online data service to initiate the connection. Initially, the two parties establish an electronic communication using the online data service, then request a voice communication using the online service. A message from the online data service is transmitted to the voice system which is requesting the voice connection between the two parties. A first telephone call is established for the first party and a second telephone call is established for the second party. Lastly, the first telephone call is connected with the second telephone call.

Additionally, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a system for establishing a voice connection over a circuit switched network, between a first party and a second party, in which both parties are coupled to the circuit switched network; wherein, the voice system connected to the circuit switched network receives a first telephone call from the first party, a second telephone call from the second party, and a matchcode from each party. If the matchcodes match, then the first telephone call is connected with the second telephone call. The voice system includes an interface to an online data service and generates a disconnect message for the online data service when the first telephone call is disconnected from the second telephone call.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ms. Melissa Kay Carman whose telephone number is 703/308-7605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00AM - 3:30PM, Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are not successful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Wellington Chin, can be reached on 703/305-4366.

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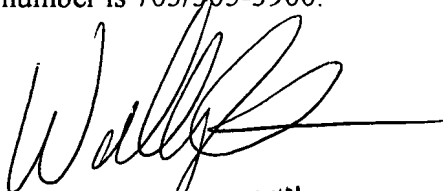
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Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is 703/305-3900.

  
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